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ANTI-RED DEMONSTRATIONS

Resentment Mounting In Scandinavia

YOUNG MARSHAL TO RETURN?

Nanking, Mar. 2. Manchurian veterans summoned to Nanking to help the Central Government's struggle for the north-east today asked that the Young Marshal, Chang Hsueh-liang, be returned to Manchuria and given a position of trust.

The action was taken at a meeting of old Manchurian generals and representatives of the Manchurian Natives Guild. The Young Marshal, under Government detention since the Sian Incident in which the Generalissimo was held prisoner, is now living in Taiwan.

—Associated Press.

Finland Climbing Down?

Helsinki, Mar. 2. The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Cabinet decided today to urge the Government to recommend Diet acceptance of Generalissimo Stalin's offer of a military alliance, a spokesman of the Popular Democrats told the United Press.

The decision followed last-minute conferences of political groups before a Parliamentary session that may take up the vital Russian proposal that Finland ally itself with the Soviet Union.

The question of negotiations with Russia is not on the Parliamentary agenda but if the political parties decide upon the stand and routine business is cleared away discussion is expected on the "friendship and defence" alliance proposal.

President Haavio took the initiative for an extensive canvass of the people when he assembled the chairman of the Parliamentary groups for a private meeting. The President reportedly handed each a list of seven questions and asked them to consider the list thoroughly before making a decision. He was said to have told the leaders that the questions must not be answered publicly.

—United Press.

EXPLOSION ON DESTROYER

San Pedro, Calif., Mar. 2. An explosion set aboard the United States destroyer "Duncan" on Monday killed one crew member and injured six others, the 11th Naval District announced last night.

The "Duncan" was en route to the western Pacific via Pearl Harbour.

—Associated Press.

Adverse Chinese Trade Balance

Shanghai, Mar. 2. China's unfavourable trade balance during 1947 amounted to over CN\$4,000,000,000, according to Chinese Maritime Customs returns released today.

The country imported CN\$10,000,000,000 worth of goods and exported CN\$6,000,000,000, according to the year.

Hong Kong absorbed 34 per cent of CN\$3.5 trillion of the country's exports during the year.

The United States remains the major source of imports.

Press Attacks On Communist Coups

Oslo, Mar. 2. A wave of anti-Soviet sentiment swept Scandinavia today as resentment mounted against the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia and Russian pressure in Finland.

In Norway, Denmark and Sweden the feeling manifested itself in mass demonstrations and press attacks against the spread of Communism over Europe.

In Oslo, thousands of students demonstrated last night outside the Czechoslovak Legation. Later they marched to the "People's House" where a Communist youth organisation was celebrating the Czech coup.

"Down with Communism," shouted the demonstrators.

Political leaders said anti-Communist feeling was running higher in Norway than at any time since the end of the war.

In Denmark—pro-Russian after liberation from the Nazis—the Soviet demand on Finland was denounced in the press.

Danger Closing In

"Danger is closing in on Scandinavia," said the conservative "National Tidende."

Danish Foreign Minister H.C. Hansen said:

"We do not believe in a State community where people live as slaves. For that reason we will exert efforts to build a strong defence which will show that Denmark wants to remain a free country."

In traditionally neutral Sweden, the press came out strongly for more effective co-operation with the western states.

U.S. The Core

"By sticking together loyally," the liberal "Goeteborg Handelsblad" said, "the Democracies can prevent Russia from subduing one country after another. Everyone knows that the

FRANCIS YEH DEAD

Shanghai, Mar. 2. Mr. Francis Yeh, chief editorial writer of the Shun Pao, one of China's "Big Three" dailies, and founder and executive secretary of the Catholic Truth Society in China, died today aged 44.

A zealous Catholic worker, Mr. Yeh visited the United States and Europe during 1944 and 1945 to meet outstanding Catholic writers and arrange for the translation of their works into Chinese. For some time during the Sino-Japanese war, he edited an English language monthly in Hong Kong and was later appointed a member of the Legislative Yuan.

Mr. Yeh, who is a graduate of the University of Indiana, was a close associate of Dr. John C. Wu, China's present Minister to the Vatican. Mr. Yeh was involved in a traffic accident here last year, from the effects of which he had never fully recovered.

—Reuter.

Communist Activity In France

Paris, Mar. 2.

The evening paper "France Soir" reported today that according to a Cominform bulletin in Belgrade, "Communist defence committees on the lines of those in Czechoslovakia" were being formed in France.

The newspaper quoted the Cominform bulletin as saying that Communist activity in France included "a defence union in different branches of national economy and defence committees among different blocs of the population—workers, peasants, artisans and tradesmen."

The report added: "These organisations are aimed at defending French economic and political independence in face of the enveloping tendencies of Anglo-American imperialism."

The despatch stated that Communist defence committees had been set up in 70 aircraft factories in France, while other committees were being established or are being established in the motor building and electrical power industries.

—Reuter.

"Kien Sing" A Loss?

With water rushing into the No. 1 and No. 2 holds, the "Kien Sing" grounded at Ching-Po, may have to be abandoned as a dead loss.

Sixty-eight of the crew have been transferred to the Chinese Customs cruiser standing by. Latest messages received from the master of the grounded vessel, Captain Troyan, said that the crew will arrive in Hong Kong today by the steamer "Mansfield."

Meanwhile, the salvage tug "Caroline Moller" is expected to reach Ching-Po this morning.

Part of the 4,000-ton cargo of iron ore which was being transported from Hainan Island to Japan has been jettisoned.

U.S. Steamers For China

Shanghai, Mar. 2. The Chinese Ambassador to Washington, Dr. Wellington Koo, has concluded an agreement with the United States Government for the purchase of 10 U.S. steamers to be used by the Chinese Government in the independent daily "Kuo Kuo" daily.

The deal, said a U.S. official, is a \$10,000,000 loan and the U.S. will supply the ships. The deal is expected to be announced soon.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WINSTON CHURCHILL'S MEMOIRS

The most important work to be published in the world this year will certainly be Winston Churchill's Memoirs.

The first of at least five volumes has now been completed, and covers the period between the end of World War I and 1940 when Mr. Churchill succeeded Neville Chamberlain as Prime Minister of England.

The "China Mail" takes pleasure in announcing that it has acquired the exclusive rights of publication in Hong Kong, simultaneously with the London "Daily Telegraph," and "Life."

The London "Daily Telegraph" is understood to have paid £100,000 for the rights, and "Life" US\$2,000,000. It is expected that the release date for the first volume will be towards the end of April.

L.B. Wood Memorial Service

Canton, Mar. 2. Tribute to the late Mr. Lytton B. Wood, whose life was tragically brought to an early end by robbers whilst hiking in the Kowloon hills last month, was paid by his friends and colleagues in a memorial service at Christ Church, Shamen, on Sunday morning.

A large and representative congregation, headed by Mr. Ronald Mall, British-Consul-General, attended the service, conducted by the Rev. John Williams.

In the course of the service, Mr. Williams announced that it has been suggested that a memorial be erected in the Church as a lasting testimony of Mr. Wood's service to Christ Church, with which he has been associated for over 20 years.

The padre further announced that the Memorial Fund had reached the sum of HK\$500 and further subscriptions would be welcomed, sent either to the British Consul-General in Canton or to himself.

—Reuter.

WINSTON'S COLD

London, Mar. 2. Mr. Winston Churchill is recovering from a cold. He is not "really ill," it was stated at his Westminster, Kent, home, "Charwood Manor."

Mr. Churchill was not present in the House of Commons yesterday. When Commander H. Pursey, Labour member for Hull, drew attention to his absence, the Earl of Winterton, Conservative for Horsham, said that Mr. Churchill was away through illness.

—Reuter.

Sun Fo Hits Out At Soviets

Shanghai, Mar. 2. The official Central News today quoted the Vice-President, Dr. Sun Fo, at a press conference at Taipei, Formosa, as charging the Soviet Union with the Sian Incident and the seizure of the Szechwan Province and the North China and Manchuria.

Dr. Sun, according to Central News, said the Soviet Union had been the main cause of the Sian Incident and the seizure of the Szechwan Province and the North China and Manchuria.

Pin-Up



Blonde Lisa Leeds, new Warner star, who will shortly be seen on the Hong Kong screen.

New Cotton Mill At Hunghom

A £1,500,000 cotton spinning mill is being erected at Hunghom on a 225,000 sq. ft. site, the "China Mail" learned from Chinese industrial circles yesterday.

Guerilla Leader Killed

Fifty-nine-year-old Ng Fat-chai, South China's foremost guerilla leader during the war, was killed by pirates on Sunday, according to reports from Macao yesterday.

Ng, who until his death held the post of Police Chief, Seventh Area, Chungshan District, was among more than 50 passengers who left Macao by steam launch on Friday afternoon.

The launch, heading for Sam Chee Island, was boarded by pirates on the way. Ng and some 40 passengers were taken aboard. Two days later, the bullet-ridden body was found by fishermen.

The fate of the other passengers is unknown.

Marine's Gallantry

Marine H. A. Jay, attached to the Stonecutters Rifle Range staff, carried out a gallant feat of rescue. Work in the Harbour on Monday afternoon, Marine Jay was travelling in a naval boat near the ferry "Man Ling" at about 3.30 p.m. when a Chinese fell overboard and was rendered unconscious by an injury, the cause of which is not certain, the Chinese said.

Fully clothed, Marine Jay dived in and brought him to the surface. On board the naval craft, artificial respiration was successfully applied, and the Chinese was then returned to the "Man Ling."

The man rescued had lost one finger and seriously damaged a second.

CANADA & HONG KONG

Troops Sent For "Garrison Duty"

Ottawa, Mar. 2. The Hong Kong controversy broke out into the open again on Monday as the British Government refused to change its position and a newspaper here bared the key document in the matter.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King told the House of Commons that the U.K. Government still insists that certain portions of the documents concerning the matter remain secret to protect the cipher system.

It was the second time that Britain took this stand on conditions surrounding the despatch of two Canadian battalions prior to the Japanese attack.

While Britain had formerly agreed that portions could be made public in paraphrased form, the Ottawa Evening Citizen published excerpts of the now famous Drew letter.

It was written by Ontario Premier George Drew five years ago and charged that ill-trained troops were sent abroad despite the warning by British Intelligence that a Japanese attack was imminent.

"Garrison Duty" The Citizen charged that despite the British Intelligence warning three days before the troops left, "Canada despatched all ill-trained and poorly equipped force that had been selected on the basis that it would only have to do leisurely garrison duty in Hong Kong."

"The paper said, Drew's letter 'takes issue with almost every point' of the report issued in June, 1942, by the Investigating Commission."

Excerpts from the Drew letter as published by the Citizen claimed that the troops (Royal Rifles and Winnipeg Grenadiers) were "below strength" and had not received a "single one of their weapons carriers" when they went into action against the picked field forces of Japan.

—United Press.

The mill now being erected at Hunghom belongs to the Wyler Textiles, Limited, which have a paid-up capital of HK\$15,000,000 subscribed by four shareholders only.

The mill will, when completed, have at least 28,000 spindles which will produce 85 four-hundred-pound bales of cotton daily.

The machinery and related equipment to be installed are the most up-to-date from America. It was ordered during the war for Shanghai but owing to unsettled conditions there, the purchasers had the machinery diverted to Hong Kong.

Appeal To K.M.T.

Nanking, Mar. 2. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in another "good government" appeal to his party members, today urged that all corrupt bureaucratic traditions and selfishness should be warded off of the Chinese administrative system.

Speaking before the Central Training Corps, he called on Kuomintang members to strengthen the party discipline and lighten up party discipline to enable an early successful conclusion to the civil war.

Chiang asked them to devote themselves to exploration of anti-Communist methods and to correct their own weaknesses.

—United Press.

Other Mills

The second cotton mill in Hong Kong is the South China Textiles Co., Ltd., with a paid-up capital of HK\$1,000,000 subscribed by 10 Shanghai merchants. When its starts operation, this factory will have 5,000 spindles, producing 12 four-hundred-pound bales of cotton daily.

The two other mills are the Hong Kong Cotton Mills, Ltd., and the Nanyang Cotton Mills, Ltd. The former is to be equipped with 5,000 spindles to produce 18 bales of cotton daily. The latter will have 15,000 spindles.

As in the case of Wyler, the machinery and equipment of the three latter mills were purchased during the war.

Scientist Charged

WASHINGTON, MAR. 2. THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE TODAY CHARGED THAT DR. EDWARD T. CONDON, PROMINENT ATOMIC SCIENTIST AND DIRECTOR OF THE BATTelle RESEARCH INSTITUTION, HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

It is alleged that Dr. Condon, who is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, had been in contact with the Soviet Government during the war and had been in contact with the Soviet Government during the war and had been in contact with the Soviet Government during the war.

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CANTON MAYOR'S NEW POST

Canton, Mar. 2. The Mayor of Canton, General An Yang-Chu, is to be appointed Mayor of Nanking, according to a report in the Chung Shun Yat Po, organ of the Chinese Ministry of Information.

The report does not indicate when he will take up the new appointment. It follows a report yesterday that the Governor of Kwangtung, Dr. T. V. Soong, would shortly relinquish his post and return to Nanking as Prime Minister.

—Reuter.

New Red Assault In Manchuria

Nanking, Mar. 2. Chinese Reds, wheeling northward in a sudden manoeuvre, today smashed into the old town of Szeepingkai, a short distance west of the new city 100 miles north of Mukden.

Pro-Government reports said that the Reds, under the command of General Lin Piao, after overwhelming the old city, are poised for an attack on the main city. Military quarters here believe it will be an attempt to close up as much as possible of the Government salient north of Mukden before Government troops moving up from Mukden can reach the capital.

The Reds are said to be moving into position for an attack on the new Szeepingkai railway station. Its loss would be a major blow against the slender Government communications still remaining between Mukden and Changchun.

According to reports here the Reds at Szeepingkai are mainly units of the 3rd, 9th and 10th columns which last week were massed around Heilunjiang. The dispatches, however, failed to state whether the Reds, for the time being, had lessened their pressure against Heilunjiang.

—United Press.

FORGED NOTES SEIZED

Over 23,000 spurious Hong Kong 10-cent notes were seized by Det. Sub-Inspector Dwyer at 25 Nanchang Street, last hour. Shanghai in the course of raids yesterday to track down sources from which the notes have been flooding the market.

Four men and two women on the premises were taken into custody and will be charged before the Court this morning.

Anglo-U.S. Meeting On Textiles

Manchester, Mar. 2. Anglo-American discussions will open on April 1 on world textile problems, including the encroachment of the Japanese cotton textile industry on world markets.

Dr. C. D. Clark, T. M. Morrison, head of the American Cotton Textile Institute, will lead a 10-man American delegation, and a British group will be led by Sir Robert Gordon-Lennox, Secretary of the British Cotton Manufacturers Association.

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THEATRE SUED FOR ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT

Screening Of Chinese Dramatic Work

Case Heard At Supreme Court

Alleged infringement of copyright in a Chinese dramatic work recently screened at the Kwok Man or National Theatre last September, formed the subject of an action before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

On the application of Mr. P. J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who appeared for the plaintiff, Fung Chi-fun, play and song writer, hearing was adjourned until Thursday, Mar. 11, at 10 a.m.

Mr. Y. K. Kan of Messrs. Lo and Lo appeared for the Kwok Man or National Theatre defendants.

The Great China Film Development Co., cited as Third Party, were represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios.

The plaintiff claims to be the author and owner of the copyright in a dramatic work comprising a play with dialogue and songs in the Cantonese dialect of the Chinese language, entitled, "Yuen Wan Seung Sea."

The defendants are alleged to have infringed the plaintiff's copyright in the work by performing or authorizing or permitting the performing, in public, of a cinematograph film with dialogue and songs, also in the Cantonese dialect, without the consent of the plaintiff at the defendant's cinematograph theatre on Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, 1947.

The film, it was claimed, bore the same title as that of the work and the names of the dramatic persons in the film are substantially the same as those in the said work. The leading male part in both the film and the dramatic work was performed by Sit Kok-sin, a leading actor of the Cantonese stage and of the Cantonese films. The plaintiff also alleges that the film reproduces or contains substantial parts of the plot, incidents and characterizations of the dramatic work of the plaintiff. It is also alleged that the name of the plaintiff was shown on the screen of the defendant theatre at each performance as being the original author of the film.

The plaintiff therefore claimed damages or, alternatively, an account of profits as well as further and other relief and costs. In order to bring the case within the Summary Jurisdiction of the Court, plaintiff limited the amount of his claim to \$1,000.

In applying for an adjournment, Mr. Griffiths said that the statement of defence by the Third Party was filed on Feb. 25. He had asked for certain particulars of defence and for inspection of certain documents referred to in the statement of defence. These documents were in Shanghai and had to be flown down to Hong Kong, arriving only yesterday. He had not had an opportunity of inspecting the documents which might not only affect his opening of the case for plaintiff, but the line of examination in chief.

Reluctant
Mr. Remedios said that he had no objection to an adjournment, but would like to mention that his clients were Northerners who were not used to the practice of the Courts of Hong Kong. They were rather reluctant to part with the possession of the valuable documents in their possession and

Funerals

Mr. A. M. L. Soares

The funeral of the late Mr. A. M. L. Soares took place at the Catholic Cemetery in the midst of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

The Rev. Father A. Ramelotte officiated at the chapel and at the graveside.

The chief mourners were: Mr. F. Soares (son), Mr. and Mrs. A. Soares (son and daughter-in-law), E. Soares (son), Mrs. E. Soares (daughter), and Mrs. C. Bennett (daughter).

Other mourners included: Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro, Mr. C. d'Almeida e Castro, Mr. H. H. de Botelho, Miss I. Sequeira, Mr. E. E. d'Almeida Remedios, Mr. R. S. Smith, Mr. J. M. Noronha, Mr. F. Grose, Mr. H. A. Lammert, Mr. K. Yung, Mr. C. Manning, Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Mr. D. G. Roberts, Mr. F. R. Pereira, Mr. H. B. da Rosa, Mr. F. M. Soares, Mr. V. V. Needs, Mr. S. Guterres, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Alves, Mr. A. H. de Carvalho, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Castro, Mr. A. E. Ribeiro, Mr. S. Lopes, Mr. B. Alves, Mr. S. Remedios, Mr. T. Lopes, Mr. M. Soares and many others.

Floral wreaths were sent by Mr. D. Black, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Young, Mr. R. A. Dastour, Mr. and Mrs. Li Te Fong, Mr. C. D. Culbertson, Mr. J. Miller, Mr. Robert Kolovall, Mr. M. Noronha, Members of the Hong Kong University, and many others.

Tang Man-wa
An impressive funeral service was held at the Monument, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, when a record gathering of sympathizers paid their last respects to the late Tang Man-wa, who died as a result of a fatal accident at last Saturday's race meeting.

The funeral service, according to Chinese rites, was conducted at the Chinese Permanent Cemetery, Aberdeen. The chief mourners were his wife and young son.

NEW C.N.A.C. SERVICE
The local C.N.A.C. office today announced the inauguration of its Hong Kong-Kuamling-Rangoon service, leaving Hong Kong every Monday morning arriving at Kuamling in the same afternoon and returning from Kuamling every Wednesday. The service starts on March 8.

The single one-way fare is HK\$1,242.00, and roundtrip fare, HK\$2,484.00.

DC-4 "Skymasters" will be used for this flight exclusively.

CORRECTION
Charged with fraudulently converting \$80,000 to his own use, Chan Yuen-shu, alias Chan Kai, manager of the Wing Wo China Company, pleaded NOT GUILTY at the Central Magistracy on Monday afternoon. The word "NOT" was inadvertently omitted in yesterday's "China Mail" report of the case. Any convenience caused is regretted.

Posting Of Notices Not Sufficient
It has been held in several countries that the posting of notices is not sufficient to establish a claim when the claimant is a foreigner who is not a resident in the country.

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Hawkers Members Of Tradis

Leung Kwong (20) and Lam Chung (20), hawkers, with four and five previous convictions respectively, were sentenced to two years' penal servitude by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when they admitted being members of unlawful societies.

The first accused was (on the application of Inspector J. Green) ordered to be placed under Police Supervision for two years after he had served his sentence.

Second defendant was recommended to be banished on release from gaol.

Defendants were picked up by Det. Sgt. Tse Yung-ii and Det. Lam Kwong at Argyle Street, near Fa Yuen Street, at 2.40 p.m. on Feb. 29, on suspicion of being pickpockets.

Inquiries revealed that Leung was a member of the Wo Yee High Triad Society which, he joined shortly after the re-occupation on payment of an entrance fee of \$5.00 to "Tai Pang Teal".

Leung admitted that he was a member of the notorious Wo Shing Wo, which he joined in Feb. 1947. He paid an entrance fee of \$5.00 to Fung Yung at the Shanghai Restaurant, Shanghai Street.

Banished for life on Jan. 8 this year, Yuen Ming (22), was arrested at Portland Street, near Kung Street, by Det. L/C 305 at 11.30 p.m. on Feb. 29, and Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth.

Charged before Mr. Latimer with a breach of the Deportation Order, Yuen had two previous convictions) was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour and recommended to be banished.

Opium In Pudding
The popular Chinese New Year pudding known as "Yuen Long Koo" formed the receptacle for 10 tins of raw opium brought into the Colony by Lam For, 32, by the morning train from Canton on March 1.

When Lam arrived at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station from Cheung Muk Tau (China Territory), at 1.15 p.m. on Monday, his luggage was searched by Chinese Revenue Officer 92: in an open rattan basket, were a few Chinese "puddings" (Yuen Long Koo) inside which were discovered seven packets of raw opium.

Lam said that he brought the narcotics from Cheung Muk Tau for a syndicate, of which he was allegedly a member, in Hong Kong to be sold as a result of a fatal accident at last Saturday's race meeting.

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ILLEGAL TRANSMITTER: HEAVY FINE IMPOSED

Yiu Pan, 27, unemployed, pleading guilty through Mr. A. S. C. Comber to charges of possession of, and operating, and illegal wireless transmitting and receiving set at 15 Parkes Street, second floor, on Feb. 6, was fined a total of \$8,000 (or 12 months' hard labour) by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Yau Wal-chao, 24, married woman, charged with Yiu, was acquitted on both counts, but convicted on the additional charge of permitting the premises to be used as an illegal wireless station. She was fined \$3,000, or six months' imprisonment.

Wong Hon, 28, unemployed, was acquitted on the charges of possession and operating, after Mr. Comber had submitted that defendant's name did not appear in any of the documents seized on the premises and that accused was only on a visit to his friend when the premises were raided by the Police.

The Magistrate also ordered the confiscation of the apparatus seized; donation of HK\$423.50 and CN\$40,000 found on the premises, to the Poor Box, and payment of 25 per cent. of any fines paid to the informer.

Code Books
The case for the prosecution, conducted by Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, was that when the place was raided at 10 a.m. on Feb. 6, the Police saw the second accused, with a newspaper in his hand, closing the door of the rear cubicle.

The Police, under DSI Morrison, caught hold of Yiu, pushed him back into the cubicle, and entered the room. In the cubicle was found the wireless set, which still warm, on top of the chest-of-drawers.

In the top drawer of the chest-of-drawers were found a number of messages, code books, and account slips, particulars of the organisation known as the Hot Tung Co., and balance sheets for September, November and December.

In a small suitcase was found CN\$340,000, HK\$435.00, messages, rubberstamps and more account books. A list of banks was found in an exercise book inside a second suitcase, said DSI Morrison.

Bundles of messages, the majority of which were in codes and dealt with commercial and money transactions, were found in the kitchen.

In the front cubicle, occupied by the woman defendant, were found her identity papers, personal letters, expenses book, and transportation receipts.

In evidence, Yiu stated that she came to Hong Kong with her husband, and 19-month-old daughter about six months ago. She originally lived at 2 Hillwood Road, first floor, with her parents-in-law but removed to 168 Woosung Street, first floor, two or three months later.

Knew Nothing
A certain Tsang Sze-yuen whose wife defendant knew in Indo China, took a cubicle in her flat which she also shared with second accused. As Yiu, was her brother-in-law, was a Northern man, she and he did not agree on the question of food and she moved out to Parkes Street.

Tsang also took a cubicle in the latter address, said Yiu. After having been in her new home for about 20 days, she left with her husband and child for Canton to see her parents-in-law.

She returned about four days before her arrest, said Yiu, and saw, for the first time, the wireless apparatus and wires. She claimed that she knew nothing about wireless nor had she seen a transmitting set before. She knew nothing about the firm's business, she said, as she was only the principal tenant.

Bus Drivers Charged
Charged with having driven bus 422 to a dangerous condition, by Sir Kung Kung at 10.30 a.m. on Feb. 29, the driver and the bus were charged with driving a motor vehicle in a dangerous condition.

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FINE ON "FATSHAN"

A fine of CN\$1,000,000,000 has been imposed on the "Fatshan" by the Chinese Customs authorities in Canton, according to a Chinese press report from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.

The fine was imposed for allegedly carrying unmanifested cargo into Canton two weeks ago. The seized contraband was ordered to be confiscated.

Maritime Board To Be Formed?

A conference between representatives from the Hong Kong Seamen's Union, the Marine Department, the Labour Officer and shipping companies may be held shortly to discuss the formation of a Maritime Board for the benefit of Chinese seamen generally.

Establishment of a Maritime Board would smash the 20-year-old "curious" system through which a master of a vessel engages his Chinese crew through crew contractors and boarding houses which cater exclusively for seamen.

This system puts the seaman at a disadvantage. He has to pay part of his salary to the contractor and also a commission every month while in employment. The system has become an extortion racket putting Chinese crews at the mercy of the contractor.

Same Title Alleged
The defendants are alleged to have infringed the plaintiff's copyright in the work by performing or authorizing or permitting the performing, in public, of a cinematograph film with dialogue and songs, also in the Cantonese dialect, without the consent of the plaintiff at the defendant's cinematograph theatre on Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, 1947.

The film, it was claimed, bore the same title as that of the work and the names of the dramatic persons in the film are substantially the same as those in the said work. The leading male part in both the film and the dramatic work was performed by Sit Kok-sin, a leading actor of the Cantonese stage and of the Cantonese films.

The plaintiff also alleges that the film reproduces or contains substantial parts of the plot, incidents and characterizations of the dramatic work of the plaintiff. It is also alleged that the name of the plaintiff was shown on the screen of the defendant theatre at each performance as being the original author of the film.

The plaintiff therefore claimed damages or, alternatively, an account of profits as well as further and other relief and costs. In order to bring the case within the Summary Jurisdiction of the Court, plaintiff limited the amount of his claim to \$1,000.

In applying for an adjournment, Mr. Griffiths said that the statement of defence by the Third Party was filed on Feb. 25. He had asked for certain particulars of defence and for inspection of certain documents referred to in the statement of defence. These documents were in Shanghai and had to be flown down to Hong Kong, arriving only yesterday. He had not had an opportunity of inspecting the documents which might not only affect his opening of the case for plaintiff, but the line of examination in chief.

Reluctant
Mr. Remedios said that he had no objection to an adjournment, but would like to mention that his clients were Northerners who were not used to the practice of the Courts of Hong Kong. They were rather reluctant to part with the possession of the valuable documents in their possession and

The funeral service, according to Chinese rites, was conducted at the Chinese Permanent Cemetery, Aberdeen. The chief mourners were his wife and young son.

NEW C.N.A.C. SERVICE
The local C.N.A.C. office today announced the inauguration of its Hong Kong-Kuamling-Rangoon service, leaving Hong Kong every Monday morning arriving at Kuamling in the same afternoon and returning from Kuamling every Wednesday. The service starts on March 8.

The single one-way fare is HK\$1,242.00, and roundtrip fare, HK\$2,484.00.

DC-4 "Skymasters" will be used for this flight exclusively.

CORRECTION
Charged with fraudulently converting \$80,000 to his own use, Chan Yuen-shu, alias Chan Kai, manager of the Wing Wo China Company, pleaded NOT GUILTY at the Central Magistracy on Monday afternoon. The word "NOT" was inadvertently omitted in yesterday's "China Mail" report of the case. Any convenience caused is regretted.

Posting Of Notices Not Sufficient
It has been held in several countries that the posting of notices is not sufficient to establish a claim when the claimant is a foreigner who is not a resident in the country.

Mr. Justice Williams held that the claimant, who was a foreigner, had not established a claim when he posted notices in the country.

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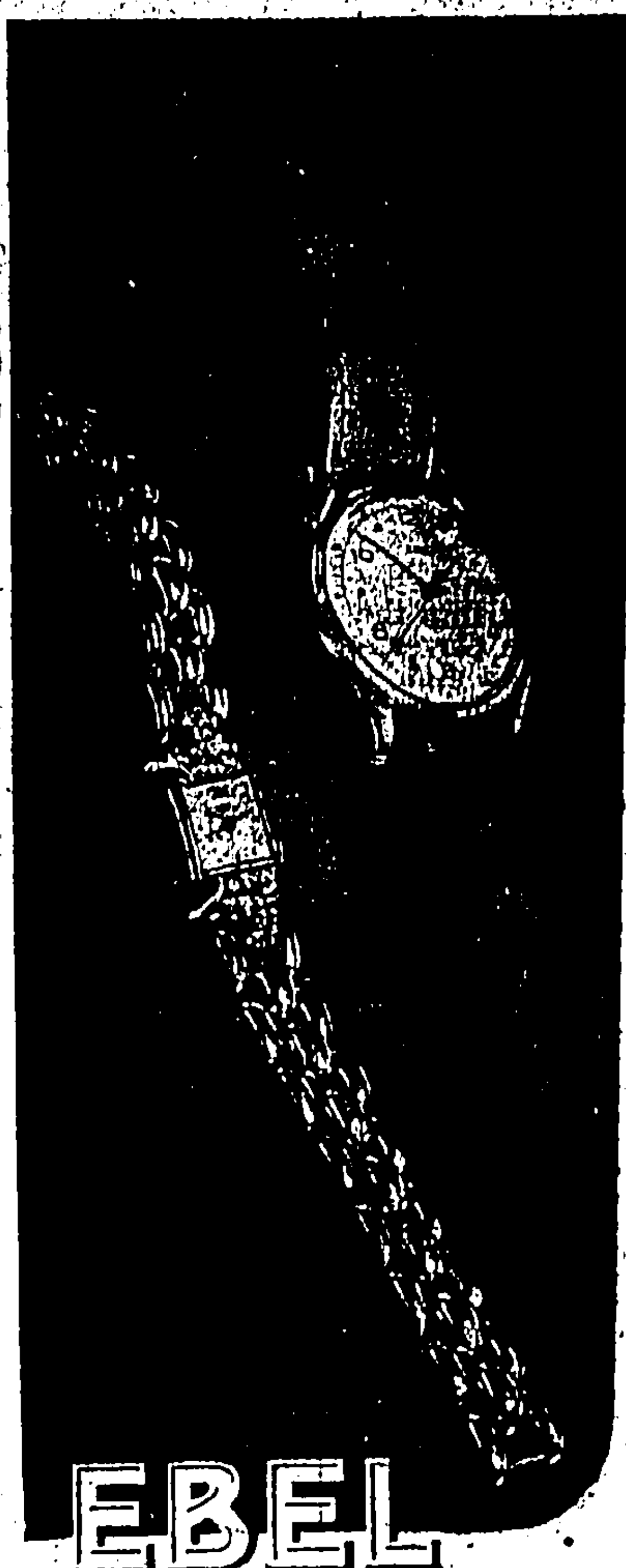
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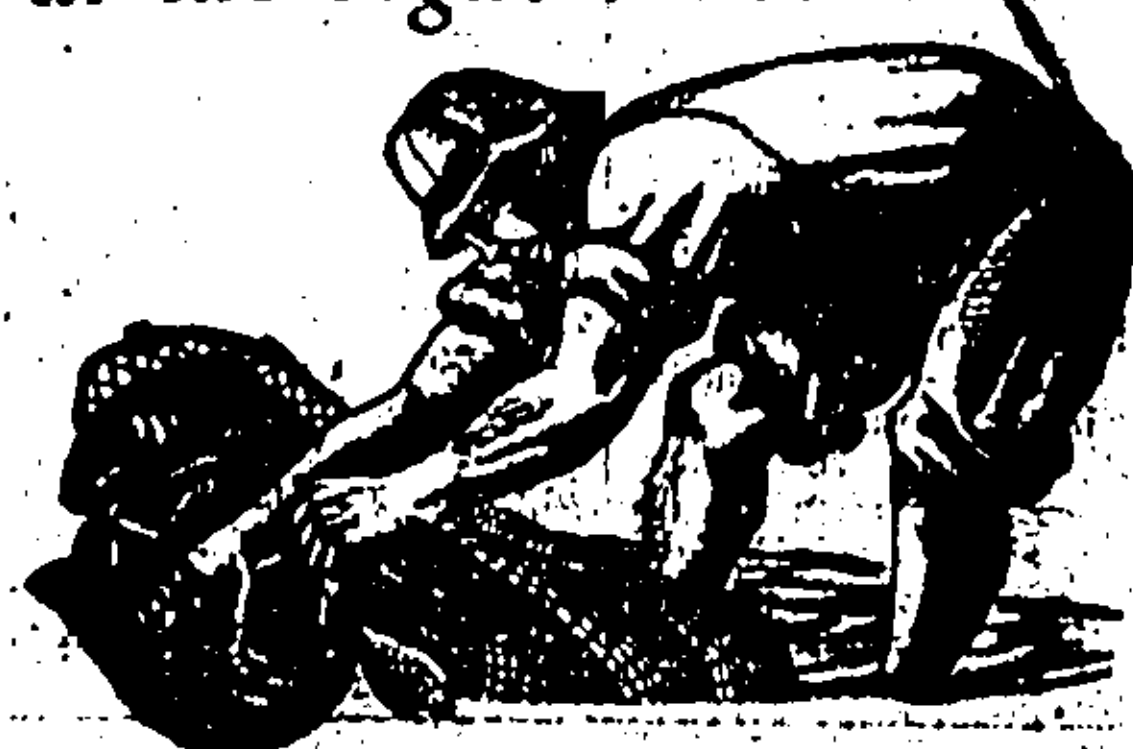
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land
by Public Auction will be held at the Offices of the Public
Works Department on Monday, the 8th day of March, 1948
at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at
the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys,
Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Aberdeen Inland Lot No. 181	Inland Road, Aberdeen	As per sale plan (Area edged red)	20,400 (about)	6198	\$50,400

Immediately after the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall
according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a
sum of \$9,120.00 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified
by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member
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V. KENIFF,
Director of Public Works.

Date: 27th February, 1948.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Inland Lot No. 6807	Junction of Yee Wo Street and Jardine's Rasau	As per sale plan (Area edged red)	2,900 (about)	9168	\$48,500

Immediately after the fall of the hammer, the purchaser shall
according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum
of \$8,700.00 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the
Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the
Exchange Banks Association.

V. KENIFF,
Director of Public Works.

Hong Kong, 27th February, 1948.

NOTICE

**THE HONGKONG
ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

Owing to unforeseen circum-
stances the meeting is postponed
to Tuesday, 9th March 1948 at
5.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A.,
Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

Agenda: — To receive reports
and accounts for the
past year.

To review and, if
thought fit, re-
vise the constitu-
tion and policy
of the Associa-
tion.

To elect officers.
T. P. WU,
Hon. Secretary.

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given
that the Ordinary Yearly Meet-
ing of Shareholders of The
Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels,
Limited, will be held at the
Registered Office of the Com-
pany (Second Floor, Exchange
Building, Des Voeux Road
Central, Hong Kong) on
WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of
March, 1948, at 12 Noon,
for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Board of
Directors together with the
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December, 1947,
confirming the appointment of
a Director, re-electing a Director
and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 18th February, 1948, to the
3rd March, 1948, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

E. H. P. WHITE,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th Jan., 1948.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly
General Meeting of the Share-
holders of the Corporation will
be held at the Head Office of
the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road
Central, Hongkong, on Friday
the 5th day of March, 1948, at
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving and considering the
reports of the Directors and of
the Auditors and the Profit and
Loss Account and Balance
Sheet for the year ended 31st
December, 1947, and for the
election of Directors and the
appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of
the Corporation will be closed
from Friday, the 20th February
to Friday the 5th March, 1948
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1948.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of the Members of this
Company will be held at the
Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wed-
nesday, the 17th day of March,
1948, at Noon, to receive the
Report of the Board of Directors
and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947, to elect Directors, and
to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 4th
March, 1948, to the 17th March,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the

Board of Directors,
Hoo Kong, 26th Feb., 1948.
C. E. FERRY,
Manager & Secretary.

NOTICE

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the thirty-ninth Ordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the Offices
of Messrs. Dowell & Co., Ltd.,
3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank
Building on Friday, the 19th
March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port and Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN
that the Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 6th March, 1948, to the 19th
March, 1948, both days inclu-
sive.

By Order of the

Board of Directors,
DOWELL & CO. LTD.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that
the Fifty-fifth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of Shareholders will
be held at the Company's office,
4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on
Thursday, the 18th day of
March 1948 at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Re-
port of the Board of Directors
together with the Statement of
Accounts for the year ended
31st December 1947, and to
elect Directors and appoint
Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
5th March to the 18th March
1948, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &
CO., LTD.
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1948.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of the Company
will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and
Company, Limited, Hongkong
on Wednesday, 24th day of
March, 1948, at 12 o'clock Noon,
to transact the ordinary busi-
ness of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the Regis-
ter of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
10th to the 24th day of March,
1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1948.

MARSHMAN HONGKONG CHINA, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Sixth Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company will be
held at the registered office of
the Company, Hongkong and
Shanghai Bank Building, Hong-
kong, on THURSDAY, the
eighteenth day of March, 1948,
at 8.00 P.M. to receive the Direc-
tors' Report and Statement of
Accounts for the period 1st May
1948 to 30th April, 1947, to elect
Directors, to appoint Auditors
and to transact any other ordi-
nary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Re-
gister of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from Thurs-
day, the fourth day of March,
to Thursday, the eighteenth day
of March, 1948, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. RAWITZ,
Director.

3rd March, 1948.

NOTICE

ALTERATION OF DATE

Mr. Edmund Blunden will de-
liver two lectures by the invita-
tion of His Excellency the Gov-
ernor, at Government House.

1. The Poet's View of the
Universe (exemplified by
Shakespeare, Shelley and
Hardy) at 6 p.m. on Fri-
day, 6th March.
2. Contemporary English
Authors at 6 p.m. on
Monday, 8th March.

Accommodation is limited, and
therefore people interested are
asked to write before Thursday,
4th March, to the Registrar,
University of Hong Kong, for
invitation cards.

B. MELLOR,
Registrar.

2nd March, 1948.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that Mr. John Pail has resign-
ed from his directorship and is
no longer a member of the Com-
pany. The Company has elected
Mr. Pail as a Director and he
has been re-elected as a Director
for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1947.

U.S. Troops In Korea Standing By

Seoul, Mar. 1.
American troops in Seoul were ordered to stand
by after 12 men were seriously injured today
in a clash during student demonstrations in
which thousands of Koreans took part.

Vice Squad Raids In Germany

Frankfurt, Mar. 2.
With dawn raids by 600 sol-
diers and 150 German police-
men on 350 homes, the U.S.
Army has opened a drive
against soldiers who spend
nights in the homes of their
German girl friends.

Seventy soldiers were ar-
rested and face charges of dis-
orderly conduct or illegal billet-
ing, an official summary show-
ed.

Eighty German women pick-
ed up in the raids were turned
over to German police for
venereal disease tests and pos-
sible prosecution.

The raids also turned up:
Four illegally-possessed guns;
several soldiers absent with-
out leave; and evidence in-
dicating at least two cases of
large scale blackmarketing.

Several homes contained
large quantities of food and
clothing of U.S. Army origin —
apparently gifts from GI boy
friends.

The Provost Marshal's Office
warned that "because of the
success of this operation, there
will be other such operations in
the future." — Associated Press

Truman Blames Politics

Key West, Florida, Mar. 1.
President Truman today
blamed Presidential politics
for holding up a settlement of
important international and
domestic problems.

President Truman reiterated at a
press conference here that he would
be glad to meet Marshal Stalin, but
only if the latter came to Washing-
ton.

Mr. Truman said the Presidential
year was having a very bad effect
on the settlement of foreign and
domestic affairs. It applied to all
problems.

Asked to give details, Mr. Truman
said he had in mind the foreign
situation generally and the housing
programme at home, both of which
should have a bipartisan approach.

— Reuter.

Radio-Active Minerals At Lake Como

Milan, Mar. 2.
The discovery of radio-active
minerals along Lake Como
may make the place where
Benito Mussolini and his mis-
tress were executed something
more than a centre of historical
curiosity, Italian scientists
said today.

Prof. Emanuele Grilli, dean
of the Mineralogy University of
Milan, and Dr. Gustavo
Fagnani reported that they
found quantities of radio-active
minerals around "Dongo",
where the "dictator" was shot,
near the village of Olgisio
and along the Elona Peninsula.

Prof. Grilli stressed that most
reports of uranium deposits
around Dongo were "grossly
exaggerated" but said he found
radio-active deposits of uranite,
thorianite, monazite and
torbenite. — United Press

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting
of the Association will be held
in the Board Room of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Com-
pany's Office on Friday, 5th
March, 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

Business: Election of Officers
and Committee for the
 ensuing year and
any other business.

All who have held or held an
in application form, have
been elected as members of the
Association. The Association
has a large number of members
and is a very active body.

Sheffield Steel Strike?

Sheffield, Mar. 1.
Hundreds of steel and en-
gineering workers in Sheffield
were unable to work today be-
cause of a strike which, if it de-
velops, may threaten the produc-
tion of steel—Britain's No. 2 priority
export.

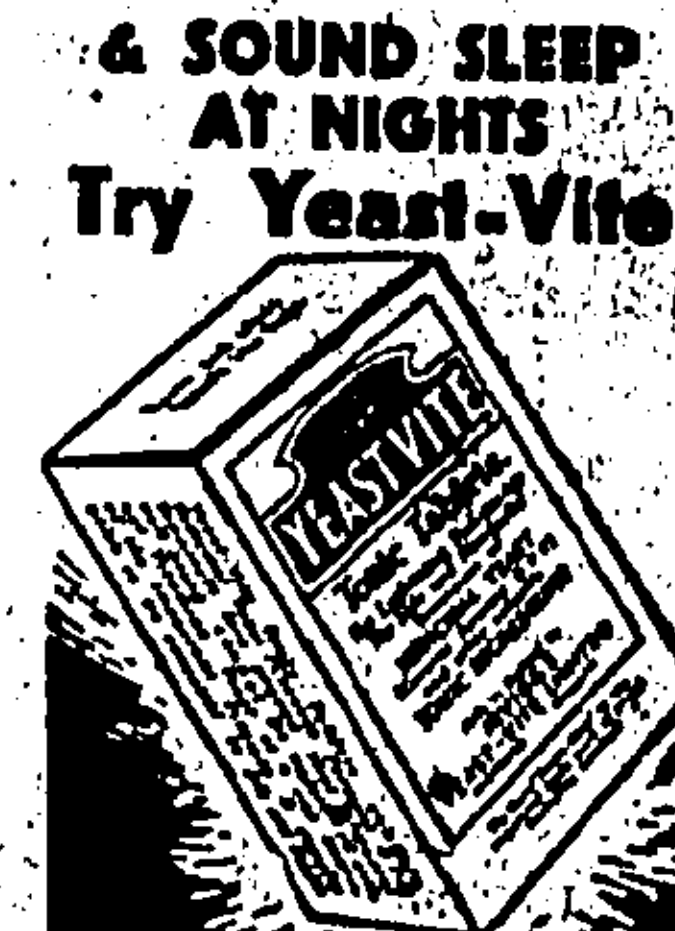
Strikes by coke oven workers
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in South Yorkshire have re-
sulted in gas cuts to industrial
consumers in Sheffield—the
heart of the steel industry.

The strikers, who came out
on Saturday, demanded a re-
duction of the working week
from 48 hours to 42, without
loss of pay.

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flow of gas to the Sheffield and
District Gas Company, result-
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JEWISH AGENCY ACCUSED

Stirring Up Racial Hatred By Lies

Jerusalem, Mar. 1. The Palestine Government today accused the Jewish Agency of stirring up racial hatred against Britain and virtually severed its connections with the Agency—the shadow government for the proposed Jewish State—in the most strongly worded communique ever issued from Civil Headquarters here. It charged the Agency with falsehoods and propaganda against the British security forces.

The communique said: "On Feb. 3, 1947, the Government invited the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi to call upon the Jewish community for their assistance in bringing to justice the members of terrorist groups who had been guilty of murder and other crimes over a considerable period. 'It was then pointed out that what was demanded was the recognition of the ordinary legal and moral duty to co-operate against crime which belongs to the citizens and institutions of any civilized State.'"

The communique continued: "The invitation was declined by the Agency on the ground that it was contrary to Jewish political interests."

"Since that time, the outrages committed by these groups have not only continued but have increased in number and barbarity."

Innuendoes

The communique added: "It is perhaps sufficient to recall such incidents as the murder by hanging in every circumstance of brutality of two innocent members of the security forces, the numerous occasions on which members of these forces have been treacherously shot dead from behind, the deliberate demolition of buildings with the certain consequence of death and injury to women and children, the planned killing of certain foreign nationals, the intentional shooting of British wounded in hospital, armed robberies and extortions and, finally, the outrage committed yesterday in which 27 British soldiers lost their lives."

"The leaders of the Jewish community have felt themselves unable for political reasons to take any steps to bring to justice the persons responsible for these crimes and have thus facilitated the spread of lawlessness and disorder to a point at which the community itself is threatened with destruction by elements within itself," the communique added. "In this neglect of its responsibilities, the Jewish Agency has attempted to excuse itself by resorting to calculated innuendoes, falsehoods and propaganda, directed against British members of the security forces who are, in fact, every day, protecting Jewish property and saving hundreds of Jewish lives even at the risk of their own."

Law Breakers
"This propaganda has already discredited its authors and that not only among those who are acquainted with the facts."

The communique charged "The continuance of indiscriminate murder and condoned terrorism can lead only to the forfeiture by the Jewish community of Palestine of all right in the eyes of the world to be numbered among the civilized peoples."

"The Jewish Agency's recent statement that it stands for law and order, whereas the Government does not, must be judged in the light of the fact that, for many years, this international body has been breaking the laws of Palestine and of other countries in which it operated."

Word Broken

The communique repeated the Government's statement of its "intention to do all in its power to maintain law and order without partiality towards

either community in Palestine and this is still its policy."

In referring to the Ben Yehuda Street outrage, the communique said: "In spite of official denials, the Jewish Agency has repeated that it was a British Army convoy that was responsible for the Ben Yehuda Street outrage."

"Nobody outside Jewish circles believes this and there can be no other purpose in repeating it than to stir up racial hatred. The fact is that the vehicles responsible for the stolen from time to time by Jews and used by them on numerous occasions for the murder of many more people than were killed in Ben Yehuda Street."

The communique concluded: "Last November, the Agency undertook to establish within 10 days a civil guard force (known as the Mishmar Force) to deal with the terrorist groups centred in this area."

"In consequence of this undertaking, British police and troops were withdrawn in order to avoid interference with the activities of this force."

"But today, it is still not being. And in this area the terrorist groups openly and freely continue to murder and rob the Jewish inhabitants themselves."

"No explanation has been given by the Agency of the breach of this undertaking."

"The Government recognises that the Hagana have, from time to time, felled the terrorist groups, but there still remains no method of dealing effectively with these people except the use of the machinery provided by the law."

"The Government, mindful of the duty of the security forces to maintain law and order, and confronted with the deliberate policy of the Jewish Agency to render their task as difficult as possible, desires now to bring once more to the various attention of the Yishuv the fact that the continuance of indiscriminate murder and condoned terrorism can lead only to forfeiture by the community of all right in the eyes of the world to be numbered among the civilized people of the world."—Reuter.

H.M.S. "EXETER" MEMORIAL

Exeter, Mar. 2. The Bishop of Exeter, Dr. C. E. Curzon, today dedicated a memorial window in bomb-damaged Exeter Cathedral to those who gave their lives in the last actions of H.M.S. Exeter in Java on Feb. 27 to March 1, 1942.

About 200 Exeter survivors and relatives from all parts of the country attended the ceremony.—Reuter.

Ellis Island "Strike"

Washington, Mar. 2. Four men held on Ellis Island for deportation hearings are refusing to take their meals and threatening to stage a hunger strike unless they are released, the Justice Department said today.

Among the four is Gerhard Eisler, who has been called the top Communist in America and who is under conviction for contempt of Congress and making false statements to obtain a passport.—Associated Press.

Gromyko Blames Britain

Lake Success, Mar. 2. Russia today accused the United States and Britain of blocking any efforts toward global arms reduction.

Soviet delegate Gromyko made an hour-long speech before the U.N.O. commission on conventional armaments in closed session.

He rejected in its entirety a British resolution outlining preliminary steps towards arms reduction based upon development of full international confidence.

The Russian delegate said Britain apparently has no intention of trying to bring about arms reduction and that the commission delegates are "wasting U.N.O. paper and money."

He said America and Britain also are obstructing international control of atomic energy and the creation of a global police force. He said there is little prospect of setting up this international army as long as "some delegates adopt the attitude of not keeping up with the U.N.O. Charter."—Associated Press.

Copenhagen, Mar. 1. The Danish Commerce Minister, Jens Krag, is going to Moscow to head a Danish trade delegation seeking a new trade agreement, according to the newspaper Politiken today.—United Press.

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General's Own Car Blown Up

Jerusalem, Mar. 1. The car of Lieutenant General G. H. A. MacMillan, Commander-in-Chief British forces in Palestine, was blown up by an electric mine on the Jaffa-Jerusalem road today.

The general was not in the car, which was also "shot up" by concealed snipers from the nearby hills.

Fifty men of the Hagana, the Jewish defence force, were cut off and surrendered to Arab forces during renewed fighting today on the borders of Jewish Tel Aviv and Arab Jaffa, Arab sources here reported.

Since the United Nations voted for the Palestine partition plan on Nov. 29 last year, casualties in the fighting in the Holy Land up to today totalled 1,378 killed and over 3,000 wounded, according to official figures issued by police headquarters in Jerusalem.

The death toll included 674 Arabs, 579 Jews, 74 British Army personnel and 18 British police.—Reuter.

Essen, Mar. 1. All Krupp plants are to stop production within a fortnight, Herr Degel, Vice-Chairman of the Krupp Production Council, announced today. The staff of the plants will dismantle them.—Reuter.

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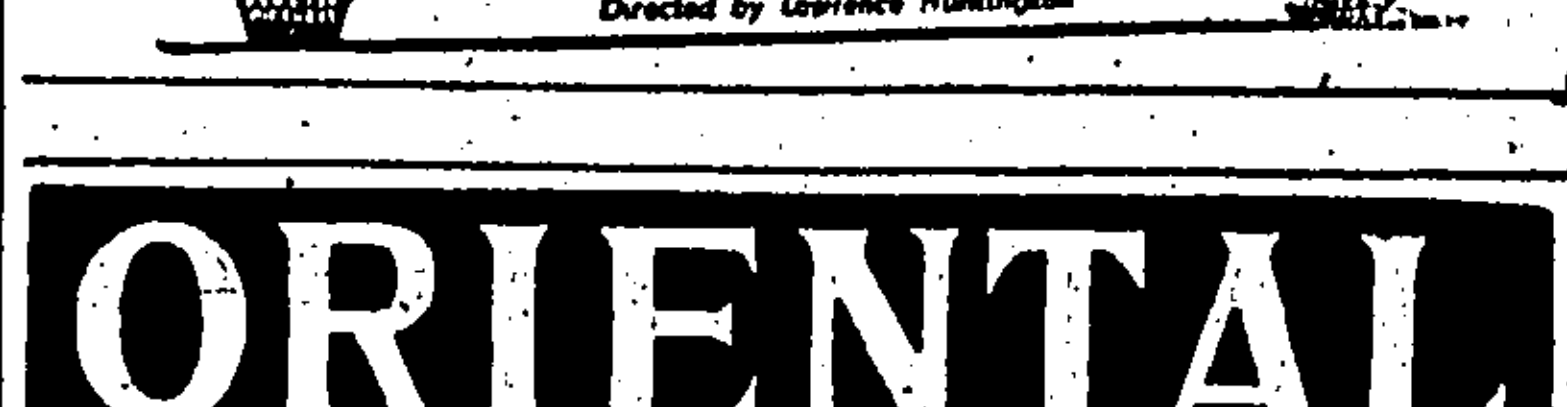
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The family of the late Tang Man-wai thank the many friends who attended the funeral and who sent floral tributes and messages of sympathy.

THE COST OF GOVERNMENT

The extraordinary difficulty that is experienced in discovering any member of the civil service who is prepared to admit that he really profits by the recommendations of the Salaries Commission, when it is estimated that the cost to the taxpayer will be in the region of twelve million dollars, is in line with the representations now being made by the European Civil Servants' Council.

A good part of the twelve million goes, as it should, to those in the lower ranks of the Service, but even so it is unlikely that any public sympathy will be awakened for any attempt by the Council to upset the main scheme, assuming that the provisions for officers with basic salaries exceeding \$1,499 per month are implemented. Points of criticism there are: some of the conversion rates of entry into the new scale are seriously anomalous in their application to individual cases. These are matters which are capable of appropriate treatment through the departmental head, and do not justify condemnation of the overall planning that was attempted, with conspicuous success, by the Commission.

The high cost of administration, in contrast with the negligible rate of spending on public improvements, has been a source of controversy for years past. Today, personal emoluments have assumed almost fabulous levels and the taxpayer who has accepted the necessity of the increase in the bill by twelve million dollars, would certainly look askance at any modifications in the proposals which pushed it appreciably higher.

True, it has been an excellent year for Government finance. The year's end will see a substantial budget surplus. There is, however, no special reason to proceed on the assumption that the high buoyancy of the revenue will be maintained. On the contrary, the general state of trade discourages such optimism. One of the main reasons for the delay in obtaining the approval of the Secretary of State for the Commission's recommendations rested on this factor: doubt whether the Colony could afford the price permanently. In all probability we can, but the situation will call for careful watching if the Financial Secretary is to produce a balanced account.

Jockeyship

The suggestion that Hong Kong should import some professional jockeys for the racetrack springs from the present dearth of good amateur riders. It is not to be expected that it will be taken very seriously. Nor, for that matter, is it likely that Hong Kong could offer anything like a figure attractive enough to tempt established, professional jockeys into the Colony.

An alternative proposal that sounds much more reasonable is that the Jockey Club should engage the services of a retired jockey of some reputation and establish here a training school for young amateur riders.

Conditions at the moment are far from satisfactory. When owners find themselves unable to get a race, because the rider is available, it is liable to lead to deterioration of interest and to a consequent loss of revenue. The quality of the racing is also affected.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

Truman's Coat Coming Apart At The Seams

Suddenly President Truman's coat of many colours seems to be coming apart at the seams. There is a rending noise. Buttons fly off. Cufflinks jam and the studs are insecure. Within a matter of days the important policy here and abroad, which seemed resolute and right, has come to appear irresolute and wrong.

There is talk of revising, and even reversing, the U.S. Government's programme for Palestine.

Some White House advisers want no part of partition, and almost all now appreciate the importance of Middle East oil, the necessity of keeping Russia out, and the danger of complete alienation of the Arabs.

Washington is looking wistfully toward London, hoping for advice and support, and no one in high places is slamming the British any more.

It is a huge dilemma, and Harry Truman is right in the middle of it. Simultaneously he is caught nodding and napping by the break in commodity markets.

Just when he is demanding controls to curb inflation the country starts diving towards deflation.

Rarely has a man seemed so wrong. He is trapped in a revolving door, trying to walk the other way.

The public look on, astonished by the spectacle. Hoping for guidance, they are being given acrobatics.

Fearing a stock market crash and perhaps a depression, they are being asked to support legislation to clamp down the alleged boom.

Even the union leaders are subdued and advising caution. Big business, which has cleaned up fortunes and tucked them away in the past few swoollen years, is seizing the opportunity to advise bigger output, longer hours, and few dollars.

Hoarders Hit

There is no doubt the nation has had a shock. It has been reminded that there is no royal road, no one-way street to limitless prosperity. The sky obviously is not the limit. And it isn't so much the money that has been wiped out by the toboggan slide as the psychological effect.

The tycoons, who are the worst hit—and I have no sympathy with them—are the hoarders of huge supplies of food and goods who, expecting an increase in prices, were holding the stuff back so they could dump it later on to the hungry public who would pay almost anything.

They have been caught holding the bag in their warehouses and will have to unload at a loss.

Courtesy Returns

Another welcome result of the recession has been the increase in courtesy among the dispensers of services. Waiters, shopgirls, clerks, taxi-drivers, doormen, the butcher, baker, and grocer all have become much more polite overnight. For this we offer thanks.

There has also been quite an outcry over other developments on the home front. The hooded hoodlums who call themselves the Ku Klux Klan are on the march again in Georgia, carrying fiery crosses, beating up Negroes, and pledging themselves pompously to the defence of "white womanhood."

No one seems to be able to do anything about these dangerous clowns, and President Truman's recent message on civil rights, including his anti-lynching programme, is dismissed as palpably political.

Crazy Weather

The weather has been as crazy as the political scene. The thermometer has jumped from 10 degrees to 65 and back again. Floods devastate eight States, and New York is a quagmire of melting, dirty snow.

Our distinguished visitors, Lord Rothermere, chairman of Associated Newspapers, and Frank Owen, Editor of The Daily Mail, however, have taken it in their stride.

The Editor is now in Kansas City observing the Middle West. I gave a party for him the other day, inviting 40 people. Fifty-seven turned up.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

OBVIOUS NOT OBVIOUS

What appears obvious is not necessarily so. The dealer who makes the first few simple plays according to habit—such as putting his lowest card on a trick sure to be won by a defender's top card—will find his business expensive in the long run. Every once in a while it will develop that he should have played an unnecessarily high card instead of his lowest. That can be vital for purposes of unblocking a suit, for creating an entry into the opposite hand or otherwise.

An application was made to the authorities some time ago to develop a Government vessel to look for her; the information which was then to hand, however, was not of that distinctive character which would lead them to take on their own shoulders the responsibility of sending a vessel in search, when the accountability which they would have to render to the Lords of the Admiralty of the wear-and-tear of a big ship of war, the consumption of a large tonnage of coal in a steamer was daily weighed.

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One further personal note: Despite the fact that Daily Mail sports writers consistently have tipped Preston North End's opponents to win in various Cup-ties, my money remains on my home town.

Film Subsidy

Now the Government steps in to aid Hollywood. The State Department, which is America's Foreign Office, has informed producers that it will ask Congress to vote 10,000,000 dollars to help distribution of U.S. films in foreign countries.

This is part of the programme to make the voice of America louder, and the film city is grateful.

The movies will also probably be included in goods shipped under the Marshall Plan.

The film industry is also pressuring Washington to assist in moves to pare down Britain's 75 per cent. tax, but President Truman says he has enough on his hands. That's an understatement.

The cinema capital is anxious for action because Canada and other British Empire countries contemplate moves similar to Britain's.

These stars are twinkling: Bob Hope is in town raising millions for the Red Cross. The British-born comedian does more for charity than the rest of Hollywood put together. Errol Flynn is seriously ill, and work on his latest picture, "Don Juan," has been abandoned.

Including His Own

Marlene Dietrich will soon be a grandmother. Britain's Benjamin Britten is getting an enormous amount of publicity, but his opera "Peter Grimes" was roughly handled by the critics after the opening here.

Michael Redgrave and Flora Robson will star in "Macbeth" in New York sometime this spring. Samuel Goldwyn has cut in half all the salaries of his big executives and his own.

Lilli Palmer has just been awarded \$25,000 dollars bonus. No wonder she likes Hollywood. And we thought there was austerity out there.

The week's film is called "Northside 777," starring James Stewart. Excellent as well as a lucky number.

The letter of the week is from Cunard-White Star containing my passage ticket to England on April 29. Only ten more letters can you bear them?

They say in Hollywood that Leap Year is the time when girls prefer their men tall, dark, and handcuffed.

Footnote: Food shortage is not helped by politicians expecting the public to swallow so much.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I brought him along to turn loose when the bloodhounds got too close!"

Britain's Evasive Inaction

By G. I. Schwartz

Overmuch praise has been accorded to the Government's so-called wages policy as embodied in the White Paper on Personal Incomes, Costs and Prices. This piece of "refreshing realism" resolves into a banal affirmation that if inflation doesn't stop it will go on. The responsibility for seeing that it does not go on is then coolly placed on the citizenry.

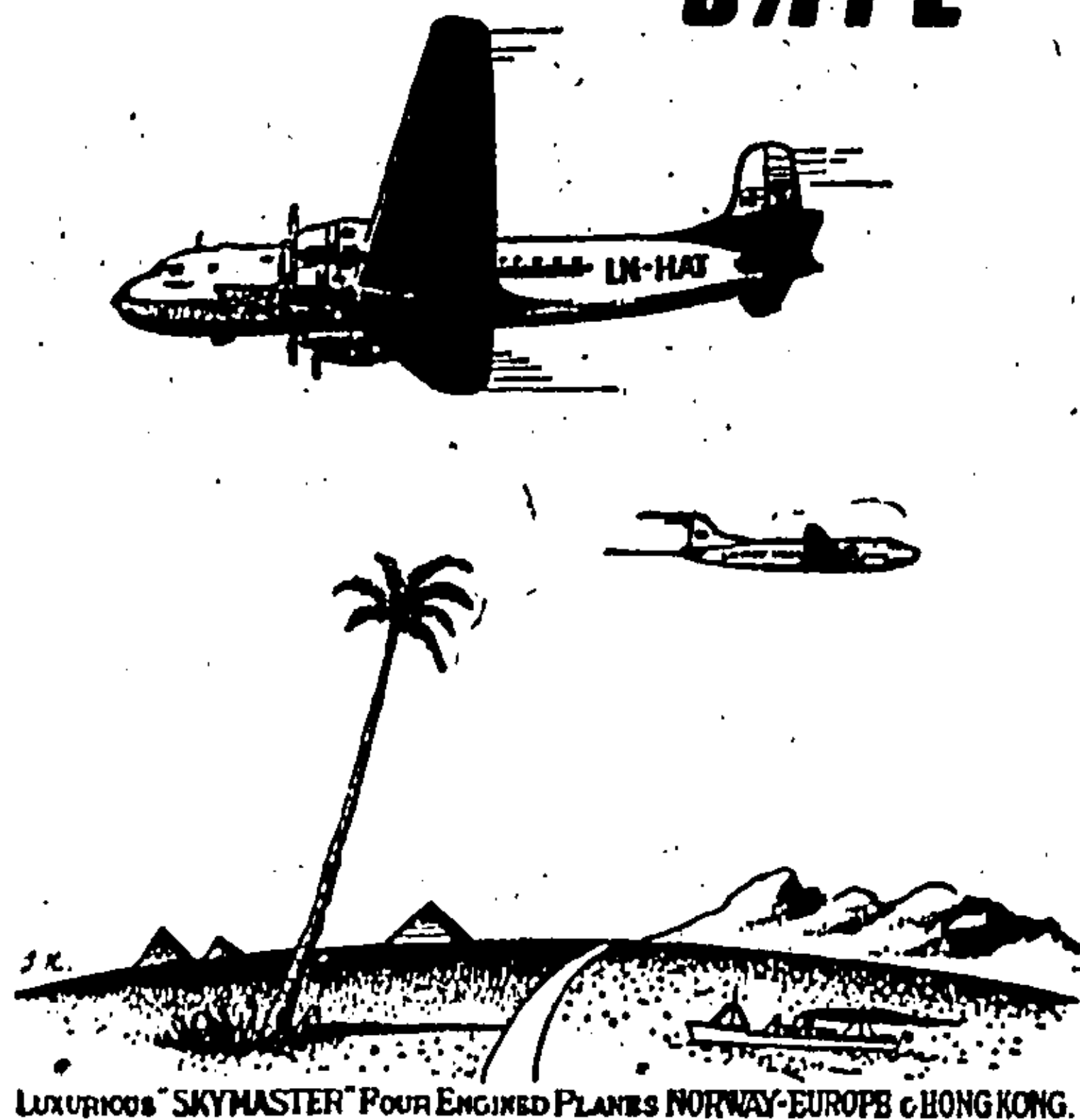
Now there are still a few people who would deny the State the power to control the volume of money and credit. Advocates of free banking are still to be found and heard, and their argument is by no means without acumen and merit. But apart from this vanishing school, there is general agreement that the responsibility for providing the community with a stable monetary system, and the power to do so, should be in the hands of the Government. It has become axiomatic as in the case of defence. What had been implicit for many decades was made explicit by the present Government when it nationalised the Bank of England and continued the comprehensive war-time powers over exchange transactions and investment.

Overnight!

All the inflations that have occurred in the world since 1914 have been due to the positive and conscious acts of Governments. A modern Government can call a halt to inflation overnight. The members of this Government have never stopped denouncing the inter-war regimes for doing this very thing. Read the debates on the nationalisation of the Bank of England. Never, never, would the people of this country forgive the Ministers who in 1921 and 1931 imposed deflation at the instigation of the Bank of England and other sinister figures behind the scenes. The Labour Government set out to make it quite certain that the monetary control would be centred in Whitehall.

The argument of the White Paper—if it can be called an argument—proceeds in blissful disregard of the fact that anyone would think that the authorities would regulate by the people who all in football coupons. Apparently it is the man in the street who conducts open-market operations and offers Treasury Bills on tap.

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"Great Sabotage Under Way"

Soviet Opposition To Marshall Aid Plan Denounced In U.S. Senate Vandenberg Pulls No Punches

Washington, Mar. 1.
Opening the Senate debate on the Marshall aid plan today, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, described Russian opposition to the programme as "a conspiracy to prevent the emergence of order out of chaos, stability out of confusion and Western freedom out of hopelessness."

"Communists everywhere have responded. A great sabotage is underway. Orders from the Kremlin are to wreck this enterprise. Thus the post-war pattern continues in a familiar and consistent form."

Senator Vandenberg denounced Communist aggression by name in Czechoslovakia and Finland, declaring: "The fate of Czechoslovakia, where every semblance of democracy has been gutted by subversive conquest, underscores the solemn thesis of the European recovery programme legislation."

"The kindred fate of brave little Finland may be added to the ominous score this very afternoon while we are debating an axiom."

"Aggressive Communism threatens all freedom and all security, whether in the old World or the new, when it puts peoples anywhere in chains."

Making a strong appeal for the adoption of the \$3,300 million aid plan, Senator Vandenberg said: "Within the purview of this plan are 270 million people of the stock which has largely made America."

"They are struggling against great and ominous odds to regain their feet. They must not be allowed to fall."

Calling for full Senate support, Senator Vandenberg said: "In the name of peace, stability and freedom, it deserves prompt passage."

"In the name of intelligent self-interest, it envisions a mighty undertaking worthy of our faith. It is an economic act—but economics usually control national survival."

"This decision is the kind that tries men's souls. I understand and share the anxieties involved. The greatest nation on earth either justifies or surrenders its leadership. We must choose."

Risks
"There are no blueprints to guarantee results. We are entirely surrounded by calculated risks."

"I profoundly believe that the pending programme is the best of these risks."

"I have no quarrel with those who disagree because we are dealing with imponderables. But I am bound to say to those who disagree that they have not escaped to safety by rejecting or subverting this plan. They have simply fled to other risks and, I fear, far greater ones."

The world, America emphatically included, declared Senator Vandenberg, needs the European countries as both producers and consumers. "Peace needs their healthy restoration to the continuing defence of those ideals by which free men live and this vast friendly segment of the earth must not collapse."

"It would be a far happier circumstance if we could close our eyes to reality, comfortably retire within our bastions and dream of an isolated and prosperous peace. But that, which was once our luxury, would now become our folly."

Defiance
"This is too plain to be persuasively denied in the face of shortened atomic world. We must take things as they are."

Referring to European cooperation, Senator Vandenberg said: "The 18 cooperating nations acted bravely because it was in virtual defiance of the Russian Bear which promptly showed its teeth."

"Yet there is nothing in this plan which threatens the Soviet police empire with any sort of consequence which she does not herself choose voluntarily to invite."

"It is not a plan against Eastern Europe, unless the independent survival of free peoples is on the black list."

"It is a plan for Western Europe. It is not an external conquest. It is not dictation. It is internal recuperation by self-chosen methods. Eastern Europe was invited in."

Disaster
"It was her own decision that keeps her out. It seems obvious that at least three of these countries behind the curtain would have joined if left to their own free wills. But there are no free wills in police states."

"An honourable release of the East-West tension would be the greatest boon of modern times. It can be released whenever there is mutual East-West fidelity to the objectives of World War II as asserted by the United Allies on Jan. 1, 1942, and whenever there is mutual East-West fidelity to the principles and purposes of the United Nations."

"It can be released whenever there is mutual East-West respect for the rights of free peoples to order their own lives. There is no consistent effort which the Government of the United States should withhold in the pursuit of this objective."

Senator Vandenberg went on: "We must be ready for any discussion to this end. Peace and justice are our utterly paramount concern. Any thought of another war is abhorrent to our souls. But peace and appeasement are not on speaking terms and the latest totalitarian idea of virtual dividing the world between Washington and Moscow would not be peace. It would simply be a dishonourable truce preceding final unspoken disaster."

Impotence
On the relation of the German problem to the Marshall Plan, Senator Vandenberg said: "This act depends again for success upon the prompt restoration of Western Germany to an effective place in the economy of Europe and the world."

"It must be decentralised," Senator Vandenberg declared, "it must be demilitarised for 'keeps.' But it must be restored to decent hope and productivity."

"The Western occupying powers must quit their indecision and put Germany wholly and completely at work again without delay. The Ruhr alone could spell the difference between success and failure."

Senator Vandenberg reminded the Senate of other American aid

Persia Next?

Teheran, Mar. 1.
Persian Government circles and press have commented with uneasiness on recent events in Czechoslovakia and Finland.
"After Czechoslovakia and Finland, the Communist volcano will erupt here," said a headline in the newspaper Kishdam. Recent events in Europe were described by the morning paper Iranema as "a warning for our country, where the policies of three powers clash."—Reuter.

commitments, saying: "We shall deal at this session with China, Greece, and Turkey, and Trieste, and with the occupied areas which we are responsible as a legacy from the war."

"Particularly we must faithfully remember the superlative importance of effective solidarity in the Western Hemisphere. Mutually happy and healthy East-West American relationships are indispensable. They must be preserved."

Relentless

"It ought to be entirely possible substantially to improve these economic relationships through 'triangular trade' that should be possible of development in connection with this European recovery plan."

Saying the success of the plan depended equally on the nations, he added: "Our dollars cannot substitute for their own will to make common cause for the mutual defence of their own welfare."

"We do not presume to dictate the formula. But we relentlessly recommend the objective."

"Standing together these nations can face every vicissitude with hope."

"Standing apart they may face collapse and even conquest. By its own warning, the 'wrecking crew' awaits."

Prudence recommended, Senator Vandenberg added, that they launch the plan with figures which offered no alibi for failure.

But on a timetable which permitted them to review the figures at the earliest moment when experience would permit them to deal with realities.

Ending, Senator Vandenberg described EEP as "a plan for peace, stability and freedom."

"It can be a turning point in history for 100 years to come. If it fails, we have done our final best," Senator Vandenberg declared, adding: "If it succeeds, our children and our children's children will call us blessed."—Reuter.

Unrest And Russian Expansion

London, Mar. 1.
The prospect of Russian expansion was seen wherever there was unrest in the East, the Conservative Daily Telegraph stated today.

"Russia extends its sway in open and undisguised campaigns for territorial aggrandisement in the East," the Telegraph said.

"In China, the Communists have established control over Manchuria and are moving southward in the face of Government forces that are outgeneralled and outfought."

"Northern Korea is wholly subject to the Soviets."

"Persia is subject to continuous diplomatic pressure aiming at concessions in the north of its territory that would be little distinguishable from annexation."

"Wherever there is unrest in the East, the prospect is seen of Russian expansion."

"India, under its new government, has treated the growth of Communism in its territories with harshness, but the troubles in Kashmir may present new opportunities for the advance of the Communist doctrine in an area which might well be the Achilles heel of India itself."—Reuter.

Riots In Alexandria

Cairo, Mar. 1.
Twenty-one policemen were injured and 11 dockers taken to hospital when police clashed with 500 textile mill workers in Alexandria today.

The workers were protesting against the recent arrest of a number of workers for alleged inciting unrest. Twenty workers were arrested.

Firearms, stones and clubs were reported to have been used on both sides.

In Cairo, the police today took severe measures to prevent threatened strikes—one by petrol service station attendants and the other by workers in Egyptian film studios.—Reuter.

Czech Parliament Recalled

Prague, Mar. 2.
The Czech Parliament has been recalled for Wednesday week, March 10, it was announced today.

M. Gottwald, the Communist Premier, will make a statement on the crisis and the constitutional issues involved, when Parliament reassembles.

The Inner Cabinet was meeting tonight against a background of possibilities that the Czech elections, due to be held by June 7, might be postponed. Such a postponement would, under the present constitution, have to be sanctioned by a three-fifths majority of the Constituent Assembly.

There have been repeated calls in the past few days for completion of the draft constitution, now in preparation.

The question of the elections was raised at a press conference to introduce the new Ministers to the foreign press given by Dr. Václav Kopecky, Minister of Information.

Dr. Alois Petr, Minister of Transport, said elections would be held "within the lawful term", that is, by June 7 this year.

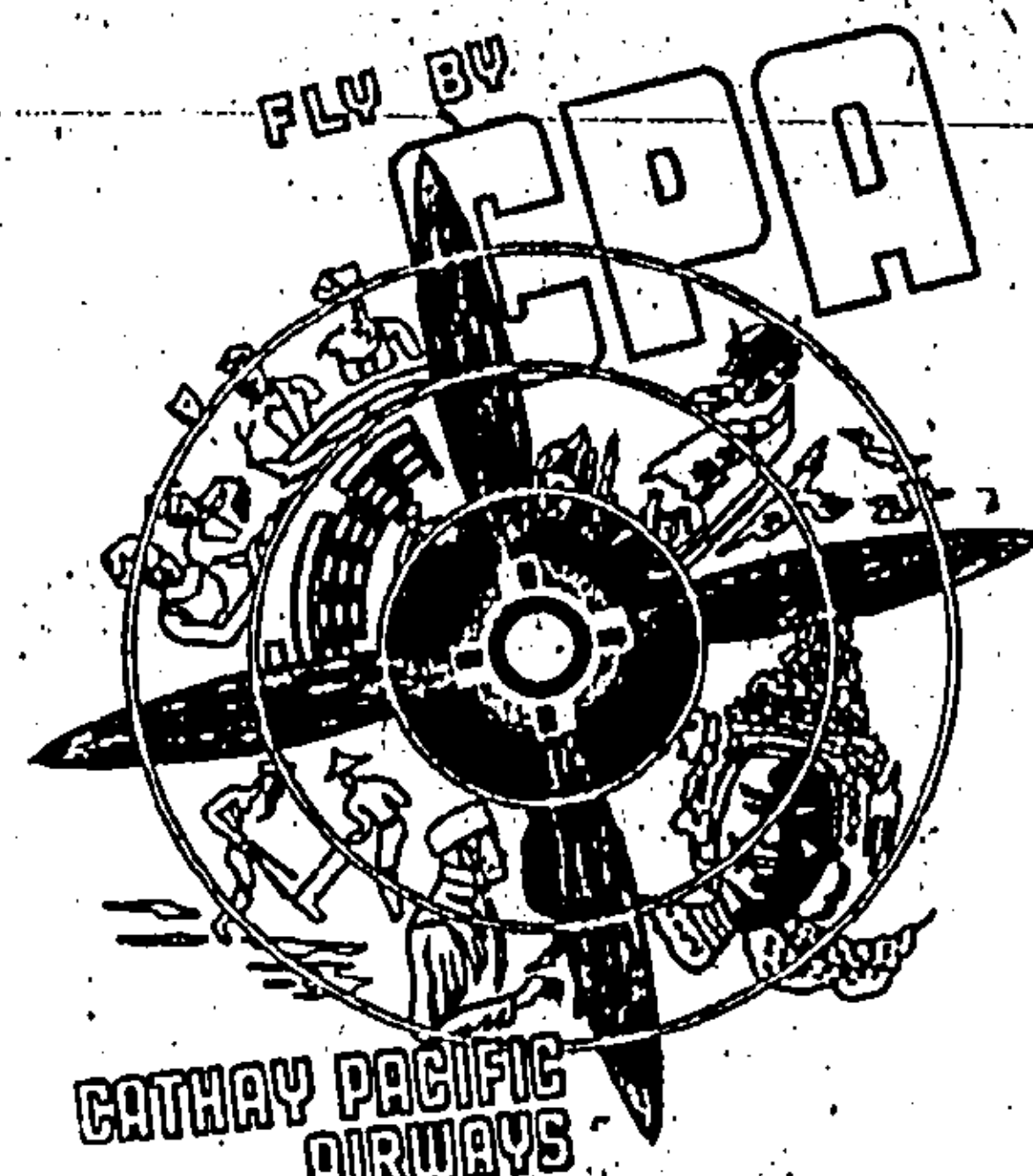
Dr. Alexey Slechta, Minister of Public Works, declared that it was possible the Czechoslovak general election would have to be postponed, as "the programme of the Constituent Assembly, which is writing the new constitution, had been delayed by the crisis."—Reuter.

Permission Not Granted
Teheran, Mar. 1.
Persia has not given permission for the 27,000-ton United States aircraft carrier Valley Forge and two destroyers to enter Persian territorial waters during their forthcoming visit to the Persian Gulf, Iranian Minister told Reuter today.

Commenting on reports about the forthcoming mission, by the Valley Forge, the Minister said: "The Persian Government will not permit foreign warships to enter Persian territorial waters."

Rendal, Mar. 2.
A boulder, weighing nearly half a hundredweight, crashed 20 feet on to the head of a man climbing the Great Gable in the Lake District. The climber, Mr. Harold Reed, was rescued by a rescue party from the local mountain rescue club.—Reuter.

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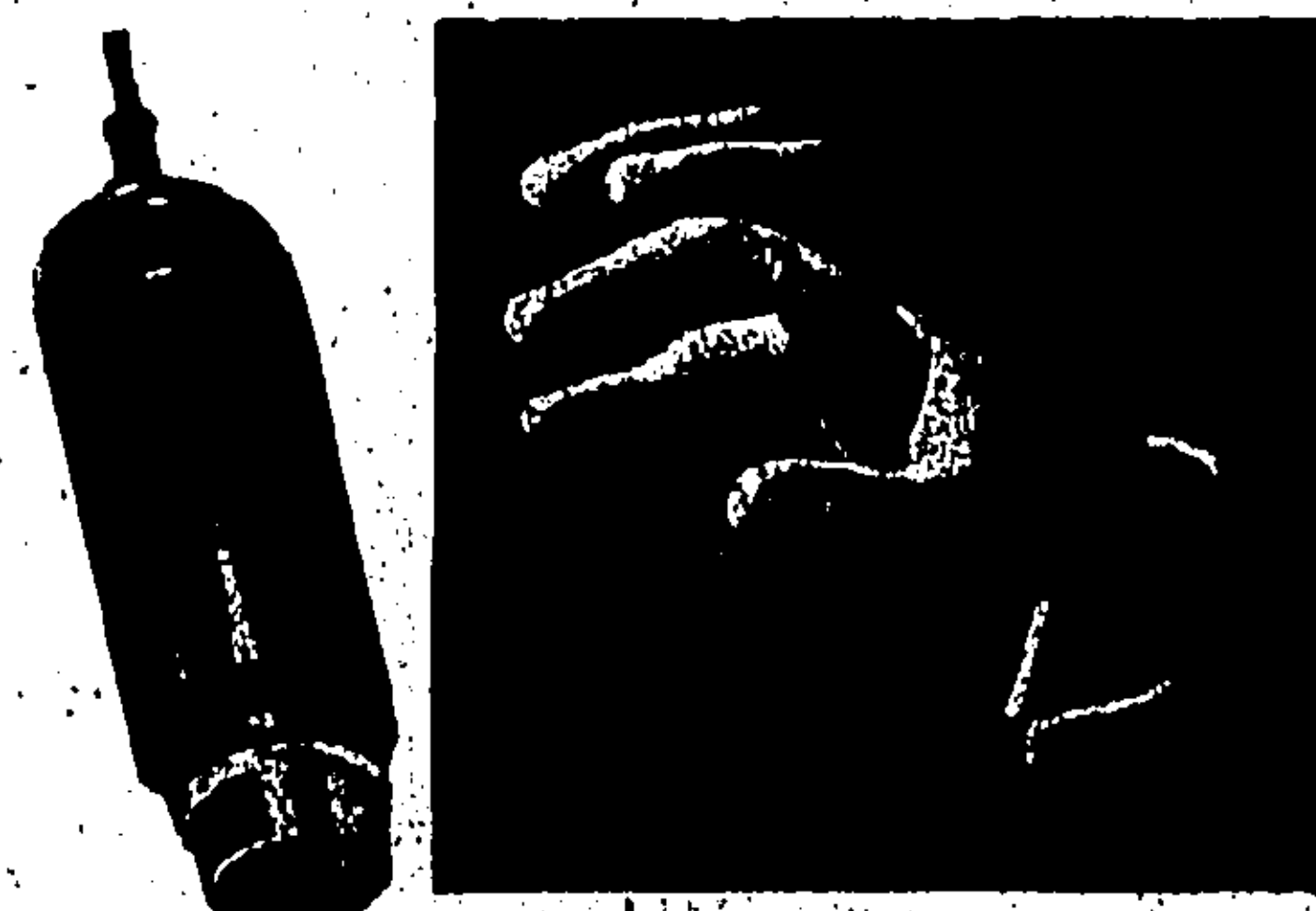
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Edna McKenna Back From Paris Answers Questions On The Fashion Trend

REASON FOR THE NEW LOOK

I am dispirited. Because I belong to a harassed and impoverished Britain I wish that the New Look had not been launched at such an inopportune moment for us.

Back in London after rushing round the Paris dress collections I have just recovered my breath.

I love the French. I revel in their instinct for making even the plainest female look chic.

I find it hard to begrudge them this New Look. It has proved a godsend to their economy and placed Paris back on the map as the centre of the world's fashion.

But it has caused our internal economic policies to disagree, threatens to upset our whole system of clothes rationing and promote a buying of clothes which Britain cannot afford.

I gaped at the check spats shown by Christian Dior.

Another World Than This

I felt at the Schiaparelli show as if I had wandered into an aviary full of the most gorgeous birds of paradise and for days all I could remember was this over-powering sense of colour.

"But I am dispirited. Surely coal comes before colour in the Britain of today?"

Back in Britain I found the usual batch of letters from anxious women who ask why should any group of people be allowed to dictate fashion.

Why, they asked, do we fashion writers not denounce the whole business as a racket? Why is there a talk of pegging wages on one hand and of having to spend more money to change one's whole wardrobe on the other?

Why do the Board of Trade not take action? Why does Britain have to follow these fashions when the clothing ration is so small?

Putting Back The Clock

Firstly, fashion dictators are not of themselves completely responsible. All over the world there is a contemporary trend towards the Edwardian in decor, in furniture and also, it follows automatically, in clothing. Such phases come in cycles, and are such a natural development of a series of circumstances that it is difficult to blame anyone for them.

Secondly, we fashion writers can deplore what is bad in fashion and say so, but we cannot fight against a natural development. All we can do is make an attack against those designers who in an effort to "beat" each other have produced hideousities.

Thus when Dior launched his "hour-glass" which is in reality a very feminine and attractive silhouette, many copyists produced hips so padded and skirts so long and tight that there was a complete outcry.

Britain's Trade Dilemma

The other three questions are once again concerned with our export market. The Board of Trade view was given to me by the President, Mr. Harold Wilson, at a recent reception for overseas buyers.

To gain dollars Britain is anxious to boost her fashion market, but she cannot produce clothes that are behind the other countries in design and styling, for this would prevent her capturing markets abroad.

At one period Sir Stafford Cripps begged the dress trade to ignore the New Look as much as possible.

Now the view is taken that

if visitors see our women in the fashions of yesterday it would be a poor advertisement for our designers.

The Irony Of It

And so in this warped and twisted economy of ours the struggle goes on. It is as if the Government on the one hand cries, "Save! save!" and on the other hand forces women to buy.

Such is the irony of the situation that if one buys a coat one must also buy a frock or look absurd.

It is, in fact, a colossal gamble by the arbiters of our external policy who apparently believe that what we lose upon the roundabouts we should make up on the swings!

Is it any wonder that though I can see the logic of it all, I feel dispirited.

Paris gives women a new spring line

By MARIE ALIX LAMOTTE

IN the fashion world a big battle has been won. Women have to accept the sloping, whisky-bottle shoulders as a victor over square, gin-bottle shoulders. Once again fashion has proved the dictator.

As the Paris collections opened it was seen that the "New Look" has proved its supremacy, in spite of the reluctance of the majority of women to accept it. As a concession to women designers have adopted a spring line much less eccentric and heavy than in the previous season. To-day the line is absolutely fluid and moulded to the body. Do not believe people who say women will wear false busts, hips, and so on. The clothes flow to the natural figure. Waists are smaller and higher. Belts are tiny or non-existent, and the waist is accentuated by many minute seams.

Accent on neck and shoulders

Skirts have dropped to near the ankle—a pity for those with nice legs. They must concentrate on beautiful necks and shoulders, because these are headline in the new fashions.

In almost every case the décolletage is of great importance. For day and evening the "demi-line" (half moon), the startling "plunging" V neckline at both front and back of the dress, and the scooped out, very low neckline are most in vogue.

For the first time in years the classical tailored suit is out of fashion. Jackets are short with wide-draped, pleated, or flared basques. Collars and revers are draped like a scarf or a handkerchief.

Skirts are inches from the ground, and the fullness comes below the hip and sometimes just over the knee.

Some afternoon dresses are inspired by the washer-woman's dress with the skirt pulled up on either side to reveal a pleated underskirt. Others, like the fisher-woman's are pulled up on one hip to reveal a skirt of a contrasting material and colour.

Dipping hemline

The oddly dipping hemline has reappeared on a number of afternoon and evening dresses. The skirts are made with a predominance of rose and lilac, sugar almond colours, reddish yellow and a lot of grey. A new one is called spider's web grey.

Schiaparelli lifted the curtain yesterday with a new silhouette and the influence of the riding habit.

Many of them like bowers or topers, complete the illusion of some bygone paintings.



One "Graphic" artist, who has been concerned by all he has read about the New Look, was relieved to find from the Paris fashion news that his imagination could conjure up quite a pleasant-looking style.

Switzerland Is Neutral

Neuchâtel, Mar. 2.

The Swiss Foreign Minister, M. Petit Pierre, announced here today that Switzerland would firmly maintain her neutrality, despite the claims of a few Swiss that neutrality is senseless in a Europe which has lost its equilibrium.

Neutrality conveys not only a privilege but also obligations, M. Pierre said. "We will continue to fulfil these obligations of which the first is to make our neutrality respected and defend it with arms in hand as a primary condition of our independence."—Reuter.

Huntingdon, Mar. 2.

Six German prisoners of war were killed and eight seriously injured in a crash between their lorry and an engine on the main line level crossing at Conington, Huntingdon, today.—Reuter.

Appeal For Solution Of Rice Problem

Baguio, Mar. 1.

The Vice-President of the Philippines, Mr. Elpidio Quirino, today opened the Food and Agricultural Organisation's rice conference here with a strong appeal for a satisfactory solution of the rice problem, which he said he considered a prerequisite to the rehabilitation of the war-torn economies of Asiatic and Far Eastern countries.

He urged member Governments to make concerted efforts towards achieving this objective.

Opening the conference just before noon—his speech was preceded by a brief but colourful ceremony in which the sky-blue flag of the United Nations was raised over the mansion house—the Vice-President spoke at length of the Far East's economy in relation to the present international situation.

Mr. James McAulish, FAO expert who spoke after Mr. Quirino, stressed the importance of the conference and asked the delegates to strive for positive results towards alleviating Asia's and the world's food shortage.

The Philippines' Ambassador to Washington, Mr. Joaquin Elizalde, was unanimously elected chairman by representatives from Burma, Britain, the United States, France, China, the Netherlands, Paraguay and Portugal.

Mr. Harold A. Vogel, Secretary-General of the FAO, said delegations

were due from Australia, Chile, Liberia and Pakistan, and added that the Siamese delegation was "delayed" by the recent Siamese elections.

Attending the conference as observers are representatives from the Supreme Command Allied Forces in the Pacific, the United States Military Government in Korea, the International Red Cross, the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organisation, and the World Health Organisation.—Reuter.

TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

London, Mar. 1.

The Transjordan Government has decided to go ahead with negotiations for a revised Anglo-Transjordan treaty to replace that of 1946.

The Transjordan Government has authorised its treaty revision delegation to discuss a new treaty in Amman, the capital of Transjordan, as soon as possible, preferably this month.—Reuter.

Stockholm, Mar. 1.

The Prime Ministers of Sweden, Norway and Denmark will meet in Stockholm on March 12, when, it is believed, they will discuss problems arising out of the latest events in Finland and Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

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WEAPONS WORSE THAN 'AT-BOMBS'
United States Told An Air Force Of 35,000European
Pact Makes
ProgressBrussels, Mar. 1.
The negotiations for a five-power West European pact seemed to be making "gigantic strides," usually well-informed circles here stated tonight.

Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg experts would meet in Brussels on Friday, according to the same sources, to draft details of the prospective treaty which would then have to be approved by the five nations' leaders at a further conference.

Such a pact, it was understood, would be mainly economic but including also political, military and cultural aspects. The five-power treaty was now expected in some quarters to be signed before March 15.

After its signing, a committee of experts would be set up to supervise the carrying out of its clauses. No official confirmation or denial of next Friday's meeting in Brussels, nor of a preparatory meeting of the Benelux countries on Wednesday, was yet available.—Reuter.

Planes Is Necessary
War An "Invitation
To Annihilation"Washington, Mar. 1.
The expansion of United States air power to 35,000 aeroplanes was recommended by the joint Congress Board of Aviation Policy in a report published today.

Warning that weapons "more devastating" than the atom bomb were already in existence, the report declares that, in the absence of a "Magna Carta of World Defence," the United States must maintain such a military air force that no sudden attack upon the American people can succeed, and must ensure that any such attack will prompt "swift and awful retribution in overwhelming volume."

The Board declares that United States military air power must be able, under all circumstances, to protect the air space over the United States and her bases and occupied lands and also to retaliate in a greater degree for any attacks launched against her or against "those free Allied Governments with which she is joined for mutual defence."

The Board, consisting of equal numbers of both parties, with members of interested committees as advisers, divided the proposed expansion in two alternative plans, the first to

Devastating

Both provide for a total air strength of 35,000 planes, over 20,000 being for the Army Air Force and 14,000 for the Navy, but under the first plan, this strength would be reached by 1952 and under the second plan at the end of 1954.

Pointing out that with the total defence in the traditional sense was no longer possible, the report cited radio-active dust and bacteriological contamination as among the even more devastating weapons already in existence.

"A determined and continuous effort in the United Nations," the report said, "must not be abandoned while the slightest ray of hope remains, but, in the meantime, an alternative plan to maintain a balance of peace must be contrived in the free world."

Deadly

"It is folly to pretend that the world does not live under a sense of impending tragedy. Deliberately and continuously we are faced with the possibility of an aggressive attack. The deadly character of the new weapons makes war an open invitation to mass annihilation."

The report declared that the answer to this would be a "Magna Carta of World Defence," but "until there is a solid foundation upon which free men can build for security and survival, these free men, who seek only self-preservation with justice and freedom, are faced with the necessity of defending themselves."—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, Mar. 1.
President Juan Peron was operated on for appendicitis on Monday, it was officially announced. His condition was stated to be satisfactory.—Associated Press.Economic
Dictator
In Shantung?Tsingtao, Mar. 2.
A handful of Chinese generals and politicians have set in motion a plan for absolute dictatorship over Shantung province's economic life, foreign sources said today.

This step is being taken under the guise of the semi-official Shantung Yu Lu Enterprise Corporation, which, according to authoritative Anglo-American sources here, intends to apply for a monopoly over all goods, services, and transportation within this rich coastal province.

Both Chinese and foreign businessmen, aroused by disclosure of the new company's aim, interpreted the action as an intent to put all who fail to cooperate out of business.

Both the American and British Embassies have been handed details of the scheme which would strike a blow at British and American firms marketing Shantung's crops.—Associated Press.

The Other
Side Of
The Fence

Warsaw, Mar. 2.

The Warsaw conference of European Socialist parties from countries not participating in the Marshall plan, originally scheduled for early March, has been postponed until late in April, a party official said today.

The official said the delay was due to difficulty in finding a date when all parties would send responsible delegations. He said the coming elections in Italy and Czechoslovakia and the Hungarian Socialist Party Congress due for early April complicated matters.

No decision was reached on inviting the left-wing British Labourites headed by Konni Zilliacus, the source said, adding that some European Socialist parties invited to the Warsaw conference were opposing the invitation because of Britain's participation in the Marshall plan.—United Press.

MacArthur Invited To
Testify On ChinaWashington, Mar. 1.
The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee today invited General Douglas MacArthur and General Claire Chennault, wartime commander of the United States Air Force in China, to testify in person or by correspondence on aid to China.

General MacArthur had previously indicated he probably could not appear in person.

The Committee invited him to give his views on the proposals for aid to China "and other critical areas of the Far East" at his earliest convenience.

Specially, the Committee asked for General MacArthur's views on:

1.—The importance to world peace and to the United States and its position and interests in the Western Pacific of maintaining a free and independent China, friendly to the United States.

2.—The measures, economic and otherwise, "which you believe necessary or best suited to the achievement of those ends."

Similar opinions were invited from General Chennault, who has left the Services and is now in China operating a commercial airline.

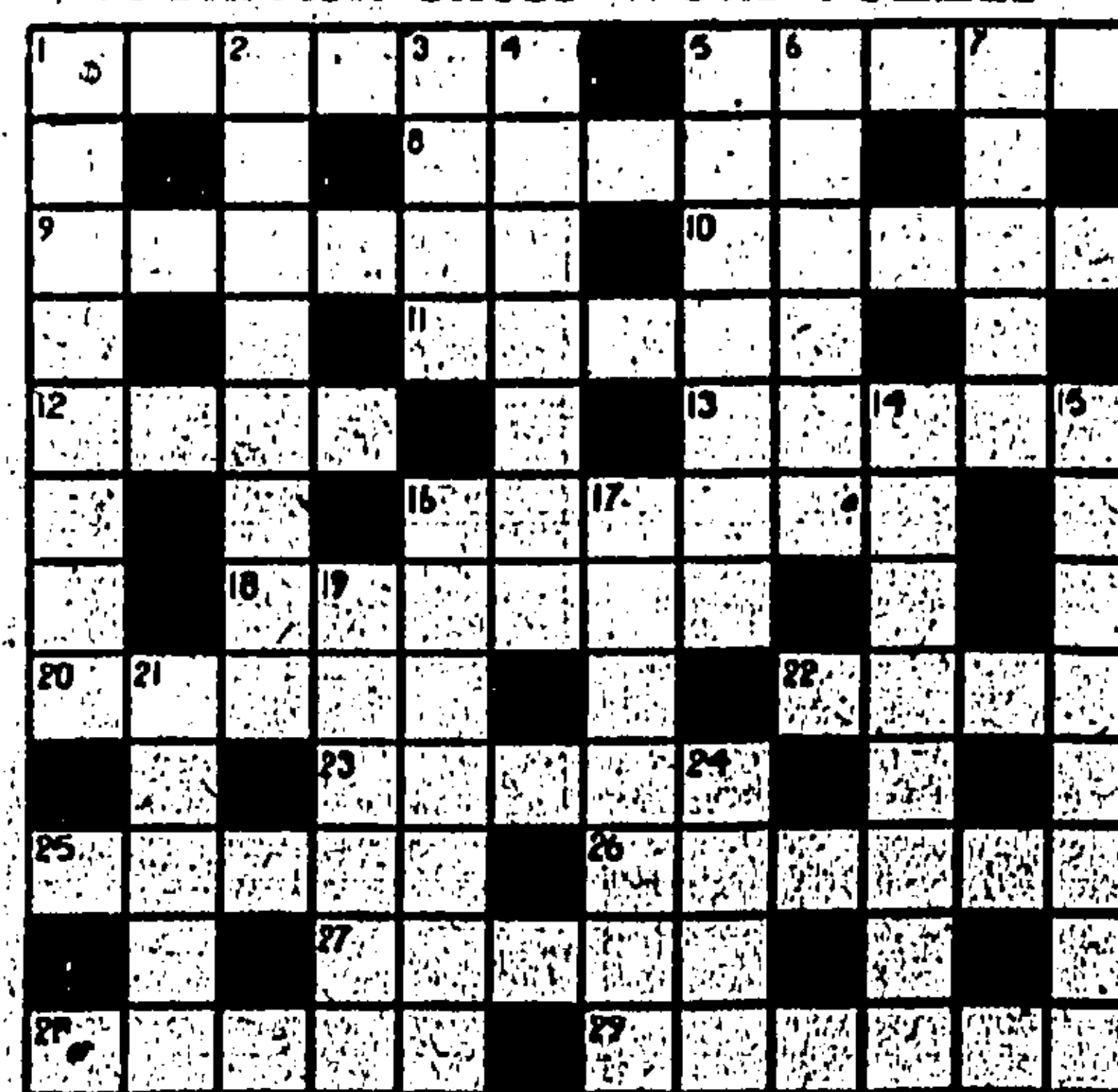
The Committee asked him to appear, "if possible, within the next week or 10 days."—Reuter.

"Useful
Talks" On
GermanyLondon, Mar. 1.
The London Conference on Germany is reliably understood to have been today its most successful session. An informed source said its results could be considered as "definitely useful."

The session was again held in secret and was followed by no statement to the press, but there is some evidence that the question of a trilateral fusion of the French occupation zone with the Anglo-American Zones was the main subject discussed.

The conference has now set up a committee on an expert level to consider methods of creating international control of the Ruhr. This question, which was fully discussed in a plenary session last week, is now not immediately before the conference.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Branch of
2 Pompos
3 Tarant
4 Refuge
5 Filer
6 Bright
7 Companions
8 Specie
9 Brevity
10 Highway
11 Respectable
12 Cui in
13 wood
14 Character
15 Plunders
16 Infidelity
17 Bel. lard

Yesterday's Crossword
Across: 1. Poppy, 2. Light, 3. ...
Down: 1. ... 2. ... 3. ...

Clues Down

1 Beginning
2 Pompos
3 speech
4 False
5 Control
6 Ugly
7 Downy
8 Cui in
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"TRESILLIAN"	Shanghai	17th Apr.
"TREVILYAN"	Shanghai	28th Apr.
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"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits & Aden	17th Apr.
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	19th Apr.
"TREVILYAN"	U.K. and Continent via Straits	2nd May
"TREVILYAN"	Shanghai	17th May
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SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
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was deposited in a blocked account in the owner's name at the time of the sale or liquidation.

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"POYANG"	Kobe	4 p.m. 10th Mar.
"SINKIANG"	Shanghai	4 p.m. 10th Mar.
"HANYANG"	Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Tientsin	5 p.m. 13th Mar.
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p.m.

Mar. 11, Pan-American, 4.45

p.m.

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Singapore

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Mar. 4, Cathay Pacific, 2.30

p.m.

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Manila)

Mar. 4, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Mar. 6, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco

(Via Shanghai, Okinawa,

Guam, Wake & Honolulu)

Mar. 5, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

Mar. 12, Pan-American, 10

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Mar. 4, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

Mar. 4, Cathay Pacific, 2.30

p.m.

Saigon

Mar. 6, Air France 7.30 a.m.

Shanghai

Daily, CNAC, 11.45 a.m.

Mar. 6, H.K. Airways, 10 a.m.

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H.K. Airways, thrice daily:

ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

American Merchant (U.S.L.) from Shang-

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Hai-Sien (C.M.S.N.) from Bina-

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Heinrich Jensen (J.C.P.L.) from Bina-

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Staples (Bok) from Tientsin, L.C.K.

Tai Hing (Fook Koo) from Swatow.

Y.M.T.

Tai Ping (China Pacific) H.C.

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

American Merchant (U.S.L.) to Manila

San Ernesto

ARRIVALS TODAY

City of Kharoum (Bank Line) A2

Hougenville (Bank Line) A1

Escalante (De La Rama) A1

Hung Yung (Dudwell) K. H.Y.

River Norman (Jardine) from Australia.

DEPARTURES TODAY

Tak Sang (Jardine) to Yokohama, (H

Tulian (H. & S.) from Swatow, Quat. Wh.

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